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Chungking Round Table DEMAND FOR AN ELECTION

CHUNGKING, JAN. 14.—REPORTS FROM REMOTE FIGHTING FRONTS WERE AWAITED TODAY TO SEE HOW COMPLETELY EFFECTIVE THE MIDNIGHT "CLASH FIRE" DEADLINE BECAME. IT WAS FEARED THAT THE ORDERS MIGHT NOT HAVE PENETRATED TO SOME OF THE DISTANT, ISOLATED POINTS OF CONFLICT.

AS THE END TO THE CHIL STRIFE WAS ANTICIPATED IN CHUNGKING YESTERDAY, A FLURRY WAS CAUSED BY THE COMMUNIST FIGHTING THAT THE NATION MUST ADJUDGE IN THE LIGHT OF THE CHANGING SITUATION.

The tension subsided with the disclosure that the Government had met the Communist demand for an election. The Government had agreed to hold an election in the future, but the Communist demand for an election was not met.

Accusation Against China Communists

CHUNGKING, JAN. 14.—A National Government Military Council spokesman today declared that "Chinese communists are enlarging rather than ceasing their military operations in violation of the cease-fire deadline at midnight, January 13."

He alleged the Communists were burning villages along all the eastern section of the Lanchow railroad which runs through the Northern Kiangsu Province to the Yellow Sea. He said the Communists are attacking Government-held Anyang in Northern Honan along the Peking-Hankow railroad and were on the rampage in Northern Shansi.

Big Shanghai Student Demonstration

Shanghai, Jan. 14.—Several thousand Chinese students today paraded through Shanghai's streets in a demonstration for the removal of United States forces and establishment of a democratic unified government.

Several students called "Why don't you go home?" to American troops along the route.

Later at a mass meeting leaders urged a coalition government "with freedom of speech, press and assembly" and demanded the removal of corrupt officials, prompt trial of traitors and criticized National Government troops for allegedly firing on the Kunming student demonstration some weeks ago causing the death of four students and one teacher.

Leaders said the parade and meeting was part of a nationwide student movement. — Associated Press.

U.S. PRECAUTIONS IN GERMANY

Regensburg, Jan. 14.—All U.S. troops at Passau have been ordered to carry guns at all times as new security precautions were enforced as the result of the death of three military government officers.

The Army has doubled its guard around officers' billets. Officers living alone have moved into two hotels. Curfew regulations for German civilians have been tightened. The murdered officers' bodies were burned and found in a Passau cottage. — Associated Press.

PEIPING PREFERRED?

CHUNGKING, JAN. 14.—The hope exists in many Chungking circles that the national capital may be moved to Peiping instead of Nanking. It has not become an issue before the political consultation conference, but many in Chungking's official circles are hoping that the conference will discuss the possibility before it adjourns. — Associated Press.

Abdication Of Hirohito Again Urged

LONDON, JAN. 14.—TWO OF LONDON'S LEADING NEWSPAPERS, THE "DAILY EXPRESS" AND "THE TIMES" YESTERDAY GAVE A PROMINENT POSITION TO FAR EASTERN QUESTIONS IN CLUING THE FUTURE POSITION OF EMPEROR HIROHITO.

The main article in "The Times" declared that the "convention is gaining ground in the United States as well as in this country that retention of the Japanese Emperor in his present position of authority is an obstacle to the emergency of a system of Japanese democracy."

"The Times" added that both China and Russia appear to favor the removal of the Emperor from his present position and expressed the thought that the Far East Commission and Central Council now have an opportunity of reconsidering the whole matter.

The "Daily Express" prominently displayed a report that Russia and China are not planning to send military forces to participate in the occupation of Japan. — Associated Press.

50-Year Occupation Of Japan Suggested

TOKYO, JAN. 14.—ALLIED OCCUPATION OF JAPAN FOR AS LONG AS 50 YEARS WAS TODAY ADVOCATED BY TOMAS CONFESOR, CHIEF OF THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION TO THE FAR EASTERN COMMISSION.

"I BELIEVE WE SHOULD KEEP THE TROOPS HERE FROM 25 TO 50 YEARS," HE SAID, IN THE FIRST STATEMENT BY ANY COMMISSION MEMBER ON THE LENGTH OF MILITARY OCCUPATION.

Miracle Lens The Size Of Pea

Rochester, Jan. 14.—A tiny 90-degree angle lens, no larger than a pea split in half, has been disclosed as among the optical marvels of the war.

The lens was used to project three-dimensional pictures from aerial reconnaissance photographs. It enabled photo technicians to determine within an accuracy of five or six feet the depth of a bomb crater or the height of a building.

The lens, developed and manufactured by the Bausch and Lomb Optical Company, was capable of reproducing ground elevations with an accuracy better than 1/1000th of the flight altitude. — Associated Press.

BEAVERBROOK URGES EISENHOWER

London, Jan. 14.—Drafting of the United States Army Chief of Staff, General Dwight Eisenhower as Secretary General of the U.N.R.R.A., was urged by Lord Beaverbrook in the "Sunday Express" in an editorial forming a successful United Nations Organisation as "our last chance."

Secretary of State James Byrnes had earlier reported that Eisenhower was unavailable for the post. — Associated Press.

NEW ATTACK ON THE RICE RACKET

A GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY WAS PUBLISHED ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 12TH OF JANUARY, 1946, WITH REFERENCE TO THE CONTROL OF THE SALE OF RICE.

REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY WHICH IS A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO THE PURCHASE OF RICE FROM A RICE SHOP, A PERSON SHALL REGISTER WITH THAT RICE SHOP PARTICULARS OF HIS NAME AND ADDRESS, AND THE NUMBER OF INMATES ACTUALLY LIVING WITH HIM AND FOR WHOM THE RICE IS INTENDED TO BE BOUGHT.

Reichstag Fire: Roehm Death Secret

Munich, Jan. 14.—A copy of a letter written to Marshal von Hindenburg, then President of Germany, by a storm-trooper fleeing the Hitler purge, declares that Captain Ernst Roehm, one of the most notorious of storm-troopers, supervised the firing of the Reichstag in 1930.

Allied officers, disclosing the contents of the letter, said it was written by Ernst Kruse, self-described as the last survivor of the 22 storm-troopers who put fire to the German Parliament building.

The letter declared that the purpose of the fire was to blackmail the Communists and the Elite Guards gained the upper hand in the struggle with the Storm-Troopers for dominance. Roehm's threat to tell the story of the fire cost him his life. — Associated Press.

MILITARY HONOURS FOR COLONEL LIM

SINGAPORE, JAN. 14.—FULL MILITARY HONOURS WERE ACCORDED TO THE REMAINS OF COLONEL LIM BO-SENG AT THE BURIAL TO-DAY AT THE RURAL SPOT WHERE COLONEL LIM AND FAMILY FORMERLY SPENT MANY HAPPY HOURS.

The Administration Chief placed a wreath on the coffin before the cortege left on a 6-mile journey through the city and suburbs. The route was lined by thousands wishing to pay homage. Colonel Broome, speaking in Chinese, recalled his association with Colonel Lim in India and later in the Malayan jungle, into which they parachuted for guerrilla activities.

The Administration Chief said that Colonel Lim in Singapore. The Second Durham Light Infantry provided the British Guard of Honour and Chinese officers, who parachuted into Malaya, or came by submarine, provided the Chinese Guard of Honour. British armoured cars headed the long procession. — Reuter.

JORDAN ROAD ARMED ROBBERY

Four Chinese, dressed in European-style clothes, rained entrance to the ground floor of No. 20, Jordan Road, about 3 p.m. yesterday, held up the occupants, and escaped with money and jewellery to the total value of \$1,420.

Tanoe Tan, a member of the Kwong Lee Transportation Company, was on the premises with his family, when the men entered. One was armed with a revolver, and another with an automatic pistol. They ransacked the house.

"I don't think they believed in their wildest dreams that this would happen to them. Weren't they told they were a superior people? The disaster is so tremendous that it is still difficult for them to grasp it." — Associated Press.

ATOMIC BOMB DEBATE

London, Jan. 14.—The control of atomic energy and the work of the U.N.R.R.A. will be discussed by the General Assembly of the United Nations Organisation during the committee's session. This was decided by the General Committee of 14 after a two-hour meeting this evening on questions relating to the agenda. — Reuter.

NEW ZEALAND'S FINE GESTURE AT UNO MEETING

LONDON, JAN. 14.—MR. PETER FRASER, THE HEAD OF THE NEW ZEALAND DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION, WAS THE FIRST SPEAKER TO OPEN THE ASSEMBLY'S MEETING IN LONDON'S CENTRAL HALL TO-DAY.

IN A DIGNIFIED SPEECH, MR. FRASER SOLVED THE DEADLOCK CARRIED OVER FROM SATURDAY'S MEETING BY WITHDRAWING HIS COUNTRY'S CANDIDATURE TO THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL AND MADE WAY FOR YUGOSLAVIA TO BECOME THE COUNCIL'S EIGHTEENTH MEMBER.

The Weather

Forecast:—Continuing fine, but hazy; light easterly winds.

Yesterday's temperature:—Maximum: 74 degrees at 12 noon. Minimum: 54 degrees at 7 a.m.

Jews Hold Up Train

Haiifa, Jan. 14.—Seventy armed Jews, who blew up a train and stole a safe with \$26,000 at Khedera, Palestine, yesterday covered their trail with pepper so that police dogs were unable to follow the train, it was reported here to-day.

Normal traffic was resumed on the line this morning, the track having been cleared and repaired in record time. Damage to rolling stock is estimated to exceed \$15,000. — Reuter.

OUTLAWING OF FASCISTS DEMANDED

London, Jan. 14.—Asking the British Government to outlaw British Fascists, more than 3,000 Londoners marched through their city this afternoon in the British capital's first all-party political demonstration since before the war.

Shouts of "Put Mosley back in jail" were the keynote of the demonstration by Britons alarmed by the recent allegations of comeback efforts by Sir Oswald Mosley, former leader of the British Union of Fascists.

The marchers waved banners inscribed with "Dan Fascism in post-war Britain" and "Did our lads die that England's Fascists live to try it again?"

The procession terminated in a public meeting, at which speakers demanded that Britain's Home Secretary, Mr. Chuter Ede, disqualify all former members of the British Union of Fascists, or any Allied organisations, from political activity, and that any political group deemed by the Government to be spreading Fascist doctrine be outlawed by legislation. — Reuter.

Osaka Stabbing

Osaka, Jan. 14.—The soldier condemned to hang by court-martial here for the murder by stabbing of two Japanese on the eve of his departure for United States has now been identified as Private Joseph E. Highswa, aged twenty, of Lodi, New Jersey.

The murder occurred on Nov. 24. — Associated Press.

Sir Fredk. Whyte On India's Future

NEW YORK, JAN. 14.—IN A LONG ARTICLE HEADED "CHALLENGE FROM THE EAST TO THE WEST" IN THE MAGAZINE SECTION OF TO-DAY'S "NEW YORK TIMES" SIR FREDERICK WHYTE, FORMERLY PRESIDENT OF THE INDIAN CENTRAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND POLITICAL ADVISER TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA, CALLS ON BRITAIN TO TRANSFER EFFECTIVE AUTHORITY TO THE PEOPLE OF INDIA AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT.

"I suggest that China will reach her own conclusion more quickly and more effectively—even at a high cost—if all the United Nations, especially the United States, will consent to leave the Chinese to make their own government in their own Chinese way," he writes.

"It is obvious that the same principle applies throughout Asia to-day, including British India. The sooner the Western powers can transfer effective authority to the peoples themselves, the sooner their own will settle down to the essential task of creating political institutions of their own."

Declaring that Asiatics want to be masters of their own homes, Sir Frederick looks at the question through what he describes as "Asiatic eyes" and sees India taking a leaf out of British history books.

"Your own history in England shows that people do not and cannot make a government of their own, unless and until they take charge themselves," he says. "Until you clear out, we shall not settle down to the real task of fulfilling our own purposes." — Reuter.

WHITHER THOU GOEST, SAYS GROOM

Kansas City, Jan. 14.—A tall blond young man entered police headquarters and approached William C. Gordon, Captain-in-Charge of night detectives, with this question: "Could I buy or borrow a pair of strong dependable handcuffs?"

He explained he was getting married to-night and that "there's a rumour out that some of my 'brankster' friends are going to steal the bride after the ceremony."

Captain Gordon explained that all the department's handcuffs were in use and sympathetically suggested a second hand store. — Associated Press.

CHARTER FOR Coal Miners

London, Jan. 14.—A five-day working week, a fortnight's paid holiday and wages as high as those in any other industry, are proposed in the charter for coal mines which the Mine-Workers' Union is to lay before the Minister of Fuel, Mr. Shinwell.

The Union believes that only a radical improvement in pay and conditions in the industry will overcome the man-power crisis, which is the chief cause of the falling coal production.

Among the proposals to be put before the Minister are: modernisation of existing pits and the sinking of new ones, while observing the standards laid down in the Reid Committee report.

Adequate and careful training of youths, a clearly defined scheme of promotion and provision of further training for workers who desire to take up a colliery technician's job. — Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN REGRETS

Sydney, Jan. 14.—The Minister of External Affairs, Dr. Ewart, said yesterday that he thought it "very regrettable" that Canada was not also selected along with Australia as a member of the security council of the United Nations Organisation. Australia won the seat in a contest with Canada. — Associated Press.

JETTY DISASTER

Calcutta, Jan. 14.—Reports here end to-day that 142 persons lost their lives on Saturday when two jetty's collapsed at Diamond Harbour near the confluence of the Ganges River and the Bay of Bengal, about 80 miles east of Calcutta. — Associated Press.

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Down Under

It is an interesting, if somewhat extraordinary, state of affairs that large numbers of American citizens in the Pacific coast area should have expressed a desire to emigrate to Australia. It would have been easier to understand if they had already been to Australia, but for a good many people from Hong Kong who have been here since the war, it is not at all clear why they should wish to leave. The fact is, however, that they do, and the Australian Government is doing its utmost to attract them. The only country with a definite appeal to them is Australia, and it is not surprising that many of them are already on their way there. The Australian Government is doing its utmost to attract them, and it is not surprising that many of them are already on their way there. The Australian Government is doing its utmost to attract them, and it is not surprising that many of them are already on their way there.

OIL THIEVES CAUGHT

Six Chinese, caught by the police with five drums of petrol and a drum of lubricating oil at Tsimshatsui, were summoned before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday.

All pleaded guilty and said that they had found the drums on a hillside near Far Eastern Motors, Kowloon, and that they had taken them. The drums were found on a hillside near Far Eastern Motors, Kowloon, and they had taken them. The drums were found on a hillside near Far Eastern Motors, Kowloon, and they had taken them.

TRIED TO GET AWAY WITH MASSIVE DOOR

For stealing six R.A.F. wooden signposts, five long poles and a massive door, three Chinese, Wong Kau, a juvenile, and Lee Fung were charged before the Summary Military Court in Kowloon yesterday.

Allegations In Tenancy Tribunal Case Appeal

STATING THAT THE APPEAL FAILED SO FAR AS IT WAS BASED UPON THE EVIDENCE BEFORE THE TRIBUNAL, MR. LEO D'ALMEIDA DELIVERED JUDGMENT IN THE COURT OF APPEAL YESTERDAY IN THE CASE IN WHICH THE SHU HING COMPANY APPEALED AGAINST THE DECISION OF THE TENANCY TRIBUNAL IN REFUSING AN APPLICATION OF EVICTIONS AGAINST CHAN KWAI, WONG KUMING AND OTHERS OF NO. 180 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, THIRD FLOOR.

The appellant was represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva, instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, while the respondents appeared in person.

Before judgment was delivered, a statement was made by Mr. Silva, who said he would like to draw attention to two aspects of the first hearing. At that hearing, he stated that Mr. Brooks, finding no record of the exact ground for the decision of the tribunal, had, after giving notice of appeal, applied for the chairman's decision in writing.

"It is regrettable that I was not instructed that at the first hearing the chairman should be asked to give the decision in writing and that Mr. Brooks refused to take that decision. Later an application was made for the decision in writing."

The second factor, said Mr. Silva, was that reports of the first hearing have given the impression that the last two paragraphs of the decision by the tribunal were inserted into the written decision in bad faith by the tribunal.

"I want to make it clear that there was no suggestion of bad faith or impropriety. The essence of his complaint against the two paragraphs, continued Mr. Silva, was whether there had been evidence to justify the tribunal mentioning the points in the paragraphs."

The decision not to make an order was on the duty point and Mr. Brooks was led to the belief that this was the sole ground. If he (Mr. Brooks) said Mr. Silva had thought that the tribunal based its decision also on an alternative ground, Mr. Brooks' attention should have been drawn to the tribunal's consideration of this alternative, and should have been given an opportunity to argue the matter fully before a decision was given.

This, Mr. Silva argued, was almost invariably the practice of the court pre-war and he submitted that it was highly desirable and necessary that this practice should be adopted by the tribunal.

NOT HAPPY
Mr. Leo d'Almeida said that he welcomed Mr. Silva's explanation because "in the written newspaper report of the hearing of the appeal, it became abundantly obvious to me that your choice of words in dealing with this point was, to say the least, not a happy one."

"You suggested," went on Mr. d'Almeida, "that certain portions of the written decision were included as so much protective padding, words which you know are capable of unfortunate interpretation. I have gone through the evidence in this case very carefully, read the reasons for the decision by the tribunal and have no hesitation in coming to the conclusion that these words of yours were uncalculated for and unjust."

Mr. d'Almeida told Counsel that he must have realised, as much he did, that the Tenancy Tribunal was made up of men carefully chosen for their integrity and other qualities and "any imputation, had it been allowed to stand without correction, would have been very much resented by those persons, and would have been a matter for this court to take up."

"For these reasons," he concluded, "I am particularly happy to hear this explanation given by you and I trust the Press will give that explanation and the remarks I have made upon it the same publicity they gave to the first hearing."

The present occupiers, or "sub-tenants" within the meaning of Article 5 (b) of Proclamation No. 10. They claim an order under 5 (b), alternatively under 5 (a). The answer alleges that the On Lok Co. have been the sub-tenants all along. The Application having been refused by a Tenancy Tribunal, this appeal is now brought. In view of the last paragraph of the written decision (which for convenience I will refer to hereafter as the Findings), it is necessary to decide in the first place who is now the sub-tenant, i.e. who is in occupation of the premises concerned. Is it the present tenants, the On Lok Co., or the Opponents?

It seems to me on a careful reading of the Findings that the Tribunal arrived at a finding of fact that Chan Kwai and not the Company is the occupier or party in possession.

CHAN KWAI ACCEPTED
Referring to the whole of the evidence, the following passage occurs:

"On the evidence, the Tribunal holds that there had been a Tenancy Agreement with the Opponent, Chan Kwai, during the Japanese occupation. It was suggested that the Applicant was compelled or forced to accept the Opponent, Chan Kwai, as tenant."

It is clear to me from the above that the Tribunal decided that the tenant or occupier was Chan Kwai and not the On Lok Co.

What is the real ground for the refusal by the Tribunal to make the order sought? It is this: The Tribunal found that the Applicant was not a bona fide claimant of possession. It was entered into between the parties.

At this point, it would be convenient to mention the position of an Appellate Court on questions of fact.

On an appeal from the decision of the Judge sitting without a Jury where the matter in question is one of fact, the Court is to exercise its jurisdiction as a Tribunal of Appeal on matters of fact as well as on matters of law. Where the question at issue in the proper inference to be drawn from facts which are not in doubt, the Appellate Court is in as good a position to decide the question as the Judge at the trial.

The above, from Powell v. Streatham, Nursing Home, 1935 A.C. 243, is a sufficient enunciation of the principles to be applied where, as in this case, the findings do not depend on any question as to the veracity of witnesses. And the Appellate Court is in no worse position if this is to be treated as a decision by a Judge and jury: the same applies at p. 250 and 1939 Yearly Evidence.

TIE EVIDENCE
Now, what is the evidence in this case? It is this:

Lam Ping Ho's evidence: "I was not authorised to enter into tenancy agreement. But the tenancy of Chan Kwai was agreed to by the Manager, Ku Shui Ting."

Ku Shui Ting's evidence: "I agree to the answers by Lam Ping Ho in reply to questions put by the Chairman. I thought I had better accept \$25.00 than nothing at all."

Pausing here for a moment, I would remark that had the evidence stopped there, then in my opinion there could be no other conclusion than that Applicants must succeed. For up to this point there is nothing to show more than that Chan Kwai became a tenant solely because of the acceptance by the landlord of rent.

Were it not for subsection 5 (b), the acceptance of rent as shown by the evidence quoted above, would be sufficient to establish an agreement to let, and the landlord would be bound to accept the rent.

In effect, the subsection declares that an agreement such as would defeat the landlord's right to an order for eviction does not arise from the acceptance of rent solely, i.e. without anything more. This is "something more" may be a variety of things. It may for example be that the landlord had agreed to the tenant remaining in possession for a certain period.

There is one further factor to be noted in connection with this incident. These army officers were armed.

As we understand the present position in the Colony, British and American officers when not on duty are not allowed to carry arms.

The reason is obvious: The question we ask is, "Why are these officers still allowed to carry arms and why whilst carrying such arms are they allowed to conduct themselves in the unlawful manner which has been described?"

We appeal to the Government and we appeal to the people. We thank you for the use of your columns and subscribe ourselves gratefully.

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colloquialism, he could be said to be making the best of a bad job, and therefore within subsection 5 (b). But the moment there is a demand for higher rent acceded to by the tenant, then there is "something more", in this case an agreement to accept him as such, which takes the case out of the subsection.

I am well aware that the section deals with a person who "became a tenant solely etc.", wherefore it may be argued that in any event the tenant in this case is not protected, his tenancy in the first case having arisen solely by the acceptance of rent. Such an argument would not impress me. Can a person be ousted on the ground of his original trespass, when his title is founded on an agreement with the landlord arrived at subsequent to the tort?

If this is so for the purposes of subsection 5 (b) it must be so also under subsection 5 (a).

HONA FIDE CLAIM
Subsection 5 (a) provides for the eviction of a person who "does not bona fide claim possession as a landlord". A bona fide claim means a claim honestly made, and, but for the existence of subsection 5 (b) by which such a claim must be taken to be excluded from subsection 5 (a), even a claim based on the acceptance of rent solely would in most cases be considered a bona fide one. A claim based on an agreement to pay a higher rent after some time is such a bona fide one.

This appeal therefore fails so far as it is based upon the evidence before the Tribunal.

Mr. Silva has asked leave in the event of his arguments not being accepted, to adduce further evidence before this Court. This evidence falls under six heads. He argues that the function of this Court being to ensure a determination on the merits of the real question in controversy between the parties, all this evidence should be admitted. On five of these heads the evidence is such as could, by proper diligence have been obtained and produced at the hearing. In the circumstances, I do not think I ought to admit it now. On the sixth head the position is different: this involves an

allegation that the Respondent, Chan Kwai, is not Chan Kwai, but an impostor; that the alleged impostor is not in occupation of the premises; and that the sole occupants are Wong Kin Wan, the second Respondent, and his family. This imposture first became known to Applicants at the hearing when they alleged, they first saw the impostor, and was not disclosed to the solicitor for the Applicants until after the hearing. Involving as it does grave allegations of fraud, and because the discovery was not made known to Appellant's solicitor until after the hearing, I will hear this evidence, but only after an adjournment which will enable this evidence, in particular this last paragraph, to be translated to the Respondents who are not represented, and to whom the seriousness of the allegations may not be apparent until they have had time fully to consider it.

Further hearing of the case was adjourned to Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 2.30 p.m.

Readers' Letters

Freedom Of The Press

Sir,—We trust that, as our English colleagues and in the interest of one of the four freedoms for which we fought, namely, the freedom of speech, you will publish this letter in your columns for public information.

Our paper is one of the few independent Chinese newspapers circulating in this Colony. By the word "independent" we mean that we receive no subsidy from anybody whatsoever and admit of no control of complete freedom of speech in our columns.

We are grateful to the British Government for its British policy for the freedom of speech, and for the attention of the authorities and to the public, the recent attempt made to restrain this self-same freedom of speech that we have fought for so many years and at the cost of so many lives.

On the 8th of this current month, in the morning, several Chinese officers in Chinese military uniforms patrolled the streets of Kowloon, seizing issues of our paper from newspaper stands and newsboys and tore these newspapers publicly. These self-same officers then threatened the sellers of our newspapers to the effect that they were not to sell or exhibit our newspapers and more drastic action would follow.

We feel certain that this is being done without the authority and complicity of the British authorities and we ask for the protection of a free Government for a free people.

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As we understand the present position in the Colony, British and American officers when not on duty are not allowed to carry arms.

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U.S.S. LOS ANGELES HERE WITH NEW ADMIRAL

Additional units of the United States Seventh Fleet and a new South China Fleet commander came into Hong Kong harbour yesterday.

The cruiser, U.S.S. Los Angeles, the heaviest American warship to put into Hong Kong since the war's end, came from Shanghai with two destroyers—the U.S.S. Metcalf and the U.S.S. Shields.

The Los Angeles is the flagship of Rear-Admiral C. Turner Joy, who will succeed Rear-Admiral Elliott Buckmaster as commander of American Fleet Units in Hong Kong.

Admiral Buckmaster brought the American force to Hong Kong more than three months ago.

GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Government is calling for tenders for repairs to Tai Po Tunnel, miscellaneous cargo (details of which are published in the "Gazette") for seawall repairs, for Water Police caps, for removal of debris, for repairs to paddled rooms, for repairs and maintenance of roads, and for "back-filling" works.

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Food Situation In Canton Serious

THE FOOD SITUATION IN CANTON APPEARS TO BE GROWING MORE ACUTE. THE ADVANCE IN PRICES CONTINUES UNCHECKED. TO-DAY RICE IS C.N.\$18,000 A PICUL, A RECORD HIGH, AND IT IS STILL ON THE UP-GRADE.

The rise is, of course, not confined to rice, but it takes the lead and other things follow suit. Closest on its heels is peanut oil which has been rising at the rate of \$40 to 50 per catty a day until it is now recalled at C.N.\$800 a catty.

Firewood in C.N.\$2,400 a picul; and pork, beef, fish, poultry and vegetables have all soared.

Hardest hit are, of course, the salaried class and those who live on their daily earnings. No increase in pay or service charges can keep pace with the rises in food prices.

Even Government servants who are best paid among the salaried class find themselves at their wits' end, so the lot of their less fortunate fellow workers in the shops, the artisans, the school-teachers and the daily labourers can easily be imagined.

You see endless crowds milling round the cheap eating-houses, eager to get a bowl of cheap cooked rice with meat and vegetables at C.N.\$50 a bowl. These places used to be patronised by pale-faced, undernourished, ragged coolies who could not afford to go to dearer establishments; but now the scene has changed. You see mixed with them a large proportion of men and women, respectively dressed, elbowing one another in an endeavour not to be too late for the bowl of rice. They are the salaried class, vainly trying to cut down the family budget by taking meals at one of these eating-houses.

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Illegal Export Attempt Alleged

The master of the Tak Koo Lung Firm, No. 48, Des Voeux Road West, Mr. Tam Pui, and his fold, Xue Kau, were charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwai at the Summary Military Court yesterday with attempting to export 800 catty of sheet rubber at the Cheung Chau Wharf on January 13.

It was stated that accused were sending 14 packages ostensibly of preserved dates, pepper, mushrooms, vermicelli and black dates, on board the Tai Lee Junk lying alongside the Cheung Chau Wharf, which due to leave for Taiping, on examination, five of the 14 packages were found to contain sheet rubber.

At the request of Revenue Officer Ward, the case was adjourned a week, and hearing was fixed for January 23, at 2.30 p.m. Accused were on bail of \$1,000 each.

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Government's Shop At Whiteaway's

With the idea of trying to fill a gap in the household economy of the people, the Administration, with the co-operation of Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co. is this week offering for sale certain government stocks.

The sale is being made at Whiteaway, Laidlaw, show rooms and consists of common-user goods, including enamel ware, such as wash basins, plates and mugs.

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INSERTION. ADDITIONAL
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PER INSERTION

\$2

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office for Box Nos. 23, 33, 36
47, 52, 54, 55.

PERSONAL

"WILL Mr. William Holmes please
contact Mr. W.L. Spradley who
is at present staying at No. 26
Trevanion Terrace, Milehouse,
Plymouth, England.

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typewriters. Also Calculating Ma-
chines. Excellent services. Hong
Kong Typewriter Exchange, 9,
D'Almeida Street, Tel 21411.

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ground, 12 feet by 9 feet. (If
wanted. Write Box No. 56 "China
Mail".

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MAN of education soon to be
released from Forces with adminis-
trative experience, offers his services
to suitable firm. Write Box No. 56
"China Mail".

Digging Out Social Roots Of War

London, Jan. 14.
U.N.O. delegates yesterday con-
centrated on setting up the ma-
chinery for digging out the social
and economic roots of war.
Statements in private meetings
considered the problems remain-
ing in connection with the or-
ganizing of the Economic and
Social Council which is scheduled
to start work this week.

These were the raising of living
standards, the fostering of the
fullest employment and the guar-
anteeing of the basic human free-
doms throughout the world.
The election deadline between
New Zealand and Yugoslavia for
the last seat on the 18 Member
Council was discussed. Seventeen
members were elected on Satur-
day.

Delegates will decide today
which countries will be given the
two and one year Council terms.
Six will be chosen for each period.
The nations elected include, China,
Norway, United Kingdom, Peru,
United States, Canada,
Lithuania, Colombia, France, In-
dia, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Uk-
raine, Cuba and Greece. Associated
Press.

Secret Homes For Mothers

The existence of residential
homes for unmarried mothers
many of whom change their
names by deed poll—was disclosed
after a secrecy lasting two and a
half years.
These homes are run by the
Ministry of Health in various
parts of the country. The first,
and largest, is at Panshanger,
Hertfordshire. There are others
near Beverley, East Yorkshire,
and in Surrey.

Mrs. M. H. Keatinge, matron of
the Panshanger "ante-natal and
post-natal hostel," as it is known,
said that there was accommoda-
tion there for 50 girls and their
babies.
Where there was reconcilia-
tion with parents, she continued,
unmarried mothers changed names
by deed poll before returning to
their old homes.

Thus the girl who left home as
"Miss" somebody went back as
"Mrs." somebody else.
The home was run on an enlighten-
ed basis according to the Ministry
of Health's recently declared
policy of enabling mother and
baby to keep together, she said.

Russian Role In Japan Occupation

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 14.
THE "ST. LOUIS DISPATCH" IN AN EDITORIAL
HEADED "RUSSIAN ROLE IN JAPAN" SAID IT
WOULD HAVE BEEN ARBITRARY FOR THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT TO HAVE REFUSED
WHEN THE SOVIETS ASKED FOR GREATER
VOICE IN THE CONTROL OF JAPAN. THE PA-
PER DECLARED THAT SOME CRITICS WHO HOLD
THE MOSCOW DECISION MEANT "THE REDUC-
TION OF GENERAL MACARTHUR TO A POWER-
LESS FIGURE HEAD AND THE HANDING OVER OF
POWER TO RUSSIAN ARE IN ERROR.

The "Dispatch" argued that the
decision really meant "a greater
degree of partnership than be-
fore among the Allies who shared
in the victory over Japan."

The paper said that the change
will leave General MacArthur as
the Supreme Commander and
leave the United States a domi-
nant power in the control system.

The paper continued: "The
late conflict was fought as a
coalition war and won only by
the Allies in unified action.
America did most of the fighting
in the Far East but the Russians
also became belligerents there
and the British Empire helped
greatly at heavy cost.

"To rule these Allies out in
the post-war control of Japan
would have been an affront to
both and lead to suspicion. The
important matter now is as good
cooperation as in war time among
the Allies participating in the
control of Japan. There may be
difficulties but they should not be
insuperable."—Associated Press.

Men Lose Release Pay

Officers and men now being de-
mobilized from the Army on com-
passionate grounds will not receive
the 56 days' leave-pay and allow-
ances paid to those who stay in
the Service until their official re-
lease date.
The men affected come under
Class C of the demobilization
scheme. They are granted inde-
finite leave on the ground of hard-
ship and are transferred to
Class Z of the Reserve.
Privates who get Class C de-
mobilization will lose at least £14,
and with family allowances the
total figure is higher. Officers
total figure is up to £200 in the case
of higher ranks.
The War Office pointed out to
the Daily Mail that the 56 days' leave
on full pay was granted to
soldiers and officers who are de-
mobilized to give them a fair
chance of finding a job and set-
tling down in civilian life.
In most cases the officer or man
had a position to return to im-
mediately.
These men would receive all
other grants and gratuities, in-
cluding civilian clothing. The 56
days' leave on full pay, with al-
lowances was the only thing they
would lose.
"We consider that the granting
of an early demobilization is a
privilege," it was stated.
Up to October 31 the Army had
granted early releases to 9,803
officers and men on compassionate
grounds.
There have been others since,
and more are expected. None of
them will receive the leave pay.

Kremlin Interested

Moscow, Jan. 14.
"Pravda" today hinted that
Russia wants a chance to express
her views if the major powers
agree on relations with Franco's
Spain as suggested to the United
States and Britain by France.
"Pravda's" international review
article said that: "It is clear that
a serious discussion on this ques-
tion is unthinkable without the
participation of all the great
powers who shoulder the main
responsibility for upholding peace
and universal security."
The planes to be used will be
the new 47-passenger Constella-
tion type. Associated Press.

GEISHAS TO ENSNARE BRITISH TROOPS

Japanese Plan To Run Vice Rackets

Ring To Exploit Servicemen

DETAILS OF A JAPANESE RING, WHOSE OBJECT IS
ALLEGED TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE
OCCUPYING ALLIED TROOPS AWAY FROM RES-
PECTABLE JAPANESE WOMEN BY OFFERING
THEM THE AMENITIES OF CABARETS AND
GEISHA HOUSES, WERE GIVEN IN THE NEWS OF
THE WORLD BY A. NOYES THOMAS, THE
NEWSPAPER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN TO-
KYO.

ACCORDING TO THOMAS, THE RING IS ORGANIS-
ING VICE ON A LARGE SCALE AND IS "INTENT
ON EXPLOITING THE BRITISH OCCUPATION
FORCE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE EARLY NEXT
MONTH AT DESOLATE, REMOTE KURE, THE
MAIN ISLAND OF JAPAN."

Describing how he "discovered" the next few days his organisa-
tion is to be formed into a new
company with a capital of 30,000,
Thomas writes: "In a modern of-
fice block in the smart Ginza dis-
trict—the Mayfair of Tokyo—I in-
terviewed Minoru Tsuji. As we
talked relays of eavesdropping Japa-
nese girls brought in scintillating cups
of green tea.
"The thousands they were like
every one of the hundreds of men
and women employed on the four
floors of the buildings, carry a
little badge with the English let-
ters R.A.A. Tsuji is Managing
Director of the R.A.A. Recreation
and Amusement Association.
"Proudly he told me that with

"The association Tsuji declared,
works in close cooperation with
Gen. MacArthur's headquarters.
American Army doctors 'insect'
the girls regularly, provide medi-
cine and perform operations."

"The history is as sinister as
the work of this association, which
approved and even advertised by
the American command, is now in-
tent on enmeshing British troops
when they arrive.

"It was formed by order of the
Japanese Government six days be-
fore the first American troops ar-
rived in Japan. Its founder mem-
bers were directors of six long-
established and notorious Japa-
nese clubs, which between them
controlled all Geisha girls, shady
hotels and disreputable dens in
Japan.
"Thousands of girls are on the
association's waiting lists. Reu-
tor.

ROTARY PRESIDENT

Chicago, Jan. 14.
The nominating committee
has chosen Richard G. Hedke,
Detroit manufacturer, to be the
next President of Rotary Inter-
national. Nomination is always
tantamount to election. T. A.
Warren of Wolverhampton, En-
gland, is the incumbent. As-
sociated Press.

Army-Navy Merger Up For Discussion

Washington, Jan. 14.
The House of Representatives is ready to start hearings this month
on proposed legislation for merging the Army and Navy de-
partments, following the prolonged hearings held in December
by the Senate military affairs committee. Testimony probably
will cover much of the same ground that Senate witnesses
covered.

The Senate committee expects
to have ready by Feb. 1 a me-
asure embracing the unification
requests of President Truman.

In announcing the House
hearing by the expenditures
committee, Rep. Randolph of
West Virginia released cor-
respondence in which the
Government lost millions of
dollars because of competitive
bidding between the Army and
Navy for hard-to-get products
during the war. He cited four
specific cases where he said
there was waste and inefficiency
in separate bidding by Army
and Navy.

His statements were in a let-
ter to H. Struve Hensel, As-
sistant Secretary of the Navy, who
had contended that statements
of the services bidding against
each other "cannot be support-
ed."

Randolph told Hensel that
after the joint Army-Navy pro-
curement agency was formed in
1945 it saved \$25,000,000 in the
first three months of operations.
He added:

"A survey of only a small
portion of the field reveals pro-
bable savings under unification
of some \$8,085,317,000 over a
three-year period."—Associated
Press.

P.A.A. SERVICE

New York, Jan. 14.
Pan-American World Airways
today announced the resumption
of service to France on daily sched-
ules, beginning on February 15.
The planes to be used will be
the new 47-passenger Constella-
tion type. Associated Press.

C.I.O. Accepts Compromise Proposal

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.
THE C.I.O. UNITED AUTO-
MOBILE WORKERS COUNCIL
YESTERDAY ACCEPTED THE
GOVERNMENT FACT-FIND-
ING BOARD'S PROPOSAL TO
BOOST WAGES BY 17-1/2 PER
CENT AS A BASIS FOR
SETTLING THE 64-DAY OLD
GENERAL MOTORS STRIKE.

The Council also decided to
revert to its original 39 per cent
wage demand unless General Mo-
tors accepted a compromise by
January 21.

A General Motors spokesman
only commented on the company
position last Friday when he re-
jected the fact-finding Committee
plan.

The C.I.O. Council action re-
quires ratification by a hundred
members of local unions.
In Washington the National La-
bour Relations Board agreed to
hear auto workers' charges that
General Motors had failed to bar-
gain collectively on wages.

The Labour Department ne-
gotiations to avert a nationwide
strike of 250,000 telephone wor-
kers collapsed and government
seizure of the phone industry be-
came possible. The walk out of
maintenance workers and their
picket lines has already partially
paralyzed internal and long dis-
tance communications.

The C.I.O. Electrical Workers'
Union has notified that 200,000
Union members will carry out
their strike scheduled for Tues-
day after General Electric, Wes-
tninghouse and the electrical divi-
sion of General Motors rejected
the Union proposals for post-
poning the strike and refused an
immediate 15 per cent wage in-
crease with the provision for ne-
gotiating the rest of the two-
dollars a day demand.

United Steel workers have pos-
tponed their 200,000 men strike
for one week until midnight on
Sunday at President Truman's
request.

Renewed agitation developed in
Washington, meanwhile, for
speedy enactment of anti-strike
legislation. Chairman May, De-
mocrat of Kentucky of the House
Military Committee said: "Now
is the time to pass the measure
approved by the Committee which
would heavily penalize Unions
breaking non-strike contracts."
Associated Press.

Ministers Invested

Tokyo, Jan. 14.
Kyodo news agency today re-
ported that the Imperial In-
stitute of the three new State
Ministers in the Shidehara Ca-
binet occurred at 11 o'clock last
night in the presence of Em-
peror Hirohito at the Imperial
Palace.
The ceremony came after an
unexplained delay from the sche-
duled time of 8 a.m., possibly
because of lack of General Mac-
Arthur's approval of the choice.
Those invested were Sompachi
Soejima, Minister of Agriculture,
Chuzo Mitsuichi, Home Minister
and temporarily also assuming
the Transportation Portfolio and
Yoshishige Abo, Minister of Edu-
cation.—Associated Press.

NEW STUNT-PROOF GYRO

Schenectady, Jan. 14.
A stunt-proof directional gyro-
scope for aircraft use has been de-
veloped by the General Electric
Company, the firm has announced.
The new gyro, the concern re-
ported, occupies only 3-1/4 by 3-1/4
inches on a plane's instrument
panel.
A plane equipped with the de-
vice, the company said, can dive,
climb, roll, bank, or spin without
having to reset the instrument.
The gyro firm said the usual aircraft
gyro "tumbled" and had to be re-
adjusted after it banks sharper
than 60 degrees.—Associated
Press.

BRIDGE NOTES

South was a little disconsolate
about the impossible contract he
had reached through perfectly
normal and logical bidding; but
he achieved the impossible by way
of a swindle:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

B. J 7 4 3
H. K J 10
D. K Q J 8
C. Q 10

S. K H. 7 6 5 4 N. 9 8 8 2
D. 8 6 3 2 W. D. A 7 4
C. 9 8 4 3 S. C. 7 6 6 2

B. A 10 9 6 5 2
H. A Q
D. 10 9
C. A K J

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1S	Pass	3S	Pass
4S	Pass	4S	Pass
6S	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the screen of
hearts, and South looked for a
way to make his contract before
he played the first card from the
dummy. He could discard one
diamond on dummy's extra heart,
but that would still leave him
with a diamond loser. And cer-
tainly there was a sure trump
loser with three to the King-
Queen out against him. But per-
haps that trump loser wasn't so
certain!

With that thought in mind,
South won the first trick in
dummy by putting up the king
of hearts. Then he led the Jack
of spades from the dummy.
"Cover an honour," said East,
unwisely, as he put up the Queen
of spades. On second thought,
we won't repeat what West said
as he saw his own King and his
partner's Queen fall under
South's Ace!

If the players in your group
are automatic honour-coverers, re-
member this: a sure situation.
Few swindles are so soul-satisfy-
ing as making no trump loser
blossom where a sure loser once
flourished. And make a mental
note for your own guidance that
covering honours in the trump
suit almost invariably does de-
clarer more good than the defen-
ders.

Yesterday you were Oswald
Jacoby's partner and, with neither
side vulnerable, you held:

S 7
H A Q J 8 6 5
D K J 9 4
C K 5

The bidding:

Jacoby	Maier	Yow	Schenken
Pass	Pass	1H	Pass
1S	Pass	2H	Pass
2NT	Pass	3D	Pass
3NT	Pass	(7)	

ANSWER: Pass Yow have told
your full story and must trust
your partner to have interpreted
it correctly. Since he knows you
have six hearts and still wants to
play for three no-trumps, you must
assume that he has some reason for
his bidding.

Score 100% for pass, 20% for
four hearts or four diamonds.

QUESTION

To-day you are Morwina Maier's
partner and, with neither side
vulnerable, you hold:

S K J 9 8
H 10 5
D A 10 7
C Q J 10 6

The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Maier	Schenken
Pass	Pass	1H	Pass
(7)			

What do you bid? (Answer
To-morrow).

ISLAND OWNERSHIP

San Francisco, Jan. 14.
A contest over the ownership of
an island 900 miles south of Hon-
olulu is before the ninth circuit
court of appeals. Ownership is
claimed by the Leslie Fullard and
Loe and Alfred Cooper families.
The federal government claims
that it gained ownership when it
annexed the Hawaiian Islands.
The island was discovered in 1802
and has been occupied for only
brief periods since.—Associated
Press.

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Chennault's Job In Chungking

CHUNGKING, Jan. 14. MAJ GEN. CLAUDE CHENNAULT, FORMER AMERICAN AIR COMMANDER IN CHINA, INDICATED TODAY HE HAD RETURNED TO CHINA TO HELP WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF AIR TRANSPORT SYSTEMS IN A "LARGELY PRIVATE CAPACITY".

In response to a question, he said his reason was possibly commercial. He said air transport development is necessary to meet the needs of China's vast land and water transportation are inadequate.

American firms are interested in Chinese aviation, he added, but are awaiting clarification of Chinese company laws.

"My impression is that China is anxious to get into the airplane manufacturing business," he said. "The war has convinced them that they cannot support an air force without a manufacturing airplane." Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 14. Continued officials requested to day that the number of officers and men on January 1. They also announced a two-point drop in the charge points for personnel. Associated Press.

Nazi Killer's Suicide In Jail

MUENBERG, Jan. 14. DR. LEONARDO CONTI, NAZI MEDICAL DICTATOR, WHO DECREED THE "MERCY KILLINGS" OF THOUSANDS OF PERSONS, HANGED HIMSELF THREE MONTHS AGO IN THE MUENBERG JAIL. IT WAS LEARNED AUTHORITATIVELY YESTERDAY.

P.I. Relief Programme

Washington, Jan. 14. Simultaneously with President Roosevelt's request for the Philippine War Relief of the United States, Incorporated, received yesterday that it was planning a relief programme for the islands. The organization is obtaining funds from American War Relief sources.

Charles M. Forster, executive director of that agency and former Red Cross Director in the Philippines, said the agency's programme contemplates the establishment of Mobile Health Units in the islands and establishing health centres. He said the Agency intends putting one million dollars into this work before the end of 1946.

Forster said that James E. McGill, who was associated with the Philippine Bureau of Education from 1918 to 1936, has been named the agency's Administrative Manager for the Philippines and is departing to the islands in mid-January.

Forster said his agency hoped to extend operations throughout the land "as 90 per cent. of the people are without medical aid." He said that Filipino doctors, dentists and nurses would staff the Mobile Units.

With heavily increased requests from China and the Philippines facing U.N.R.R.A., officials have expressed a desire to meet all needs but emphasized that the programme must be limited by the amounts of funds available, which at present is far short of worldwide requests. Associated Press.

SENATE COMMITTEE IN MANILA

Manila, Jan. 14. The United States Senate Subcommittee arrived here today from Shanghai and immediately scheduled a programme of hearings on subsidies, military installations and demobilization.

The Committee's findings are expected to develop into a pattern of Army and Navy plans for post-war operations in the Philippines. Associated Press.

U.S. SECURITY FORCE

Washington, Jan. 14. The United States Army is planning an organization which will have 750,000 men organized next July 1. War department officials said that any reinforcements for the United Nations Organization's security force can be met out of this force. It is assumed that American occupation troops will compose part of the security force. Associated Press.

Criticism In House Of Lords

REFERRING TO THE HIGH RATE OF ACCIDENTS IN R.A.F. TRANSPORT COMMAND, LORD BRABAZON, HOLDER OF BRITAIN'S NO. 1 AIR PILOT'S LICENCE, SAID IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS:

"WITH MY HISTORY OF AVIATION, I KNOW THAT FLYING IS NOT A SAFE FORM OF TRANSPORT. BUT IT IS NOT AS DANGEROUS AS ALL THIS. THERE IS SOMETHING ROTTEN IN THE STATE OF DENMARK. SOME REORGANISATION MUST TAKE PLACE WITH ALL THESE TERRIBLE, SHOCKING THINGS GOING ON."

Lord Brabazon had just criticised the delay in the issue of an official statement regarding an accident to an R.A.F. Lancaster flying to Italy, in which 17 A.T.S. and two nurses were killed.

Lord Stancliffe, Air Minister, said that the accident record in Transport Command must be considered in relation to the scale and character of its activities. The general trend of the accident rate, not only of Transport Command but in the R.A.F. as a whole continued to be downward.

HELP FROM RADAR The release scheme had taken away experienced air crew and ground staff in early release groups, though they were now in voking the military necessity clause to retard the release of many of these men.

To improve safety in the air they were standardising flying

control organisation, and providing an extensive system of radar aids to navigation. Few such aids existed on the Continent until recently.

They were providing improved and more detailed meteorological information, and making ponds were being reorganised.

In the Commons John Strachey, Under-Secretary for Air, carried Lord Stancliffe's statement a step further. He said:

"We have now arranged to issue communications for all accidents, involving fatal casualties, to aircraft on passenger flights. They will normally be issued as soon as the next of kin have been informed, but, if necessary, a preliminary notification, omitting names, will also be issued."

It is undesirable to make a public announcement every time there is an accident of any kind to ordinary service aircraft.

REGULAR INSPECTIONS "Air Commodore Harvey (Cons. Macleodfield): May we be given a quarterly statement, otherwise we shall not know whether the R.A.F. is operating with few accidents or a great many?"

Strachey: We will consider that. The Air Ministry writes the Daily Express air reporter, said in an interview that all trunk line and troping aircraft were inspected at each stage post and terminal staging post on the route. A more comprehensive inspection was given on return to base stations.

Japanese Red Back

Tokyo, Jan. 14. Sanni Nosaka, a leader of the Japanese Communist Party, returned to Tokyo yesterday after an absence of 16 years in Moscow and Yenan.

Nosaka was greeted by a cheering throng waving red flags at the railroad station. He told Japanese newsmen: "I never expected to be able to return to Japan again."

He said that the way to "save" defeated Japan is through democratic revolution and a big political and economic reform programme. It is the duty of the Japanese Communist Party to carry them out. Associated Press.

BEDDING DOWN

Chicago, Jan. 14. Mrs. Alberta Brooks, explaining to felony Judge Charles S. Dougherty how she aired her bedding, denied a charge of malicious mischief.

"I shook my bed-clothes out of the window," said Mrs. Brooks, but prosecutor Maurice Mettel said a bed hit an automobile parked below her second floor window, and the owner wanted \$200 damages.

"Sure," said Mrs. Brooks. "When I shake my bedding, I shake it bed and all. And it just slipped out of my hands." Judge Dougherty freed her of the charge. Associated Press.

Bribe Patrols Watch Demob. Suit Racket

Suits in the Savile-row tradition can sometimes be secured by demobbed men. If they like to tip the assistant at the clothing centre he will find one "under the counter." That is the experience of several men who have been released recently.

Lieut. William Shepherd, Conservative M.P. for Bucklow, Cheshire, is to ask a question in Parliament about this "Black Market."

One man who passed through a demob centre near London said that better civilian clothes are often kept under the counter against some financial reward.

A code number on the suit, he added, indicates who made it, and the number can easily be obtained from some assistants for a half-crown or two.

Some demob tailors, too, have fleece linings, and sometimes the assistant is prepared to "see if there are any more left."

Another ex-soldier said it is easy to tip the clothing store assistant and have a suit made by a leading maker brought from

The Worst Thing

Toronto, Jan. 14. Mankind must become conscious of the fact that war is the worst thing that can befall the human race, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower told a press conference on Sunday.

"With the atomic age upon us," he said "War presents more potentialities for horror and destruction than ever before." Associated Press.

As Told To A Marine's Wife---

AFTER EIGHT YEARS OF MARRIAGE, MRS. ADELE GILRUTH, 29-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER OF A NEW YORK JUDGE, MADE THESE DISCOVERIES:

Her husband, Donald, a recently discharged marine captain, was not a cousin of the Queen of England.

He was not brother-in-law of the Governor-General of Canada.

He was not nephew of the Governor-General of New Zealand.

And he also had a wife in England. She found this out after two years of investigations.

Now she has applied for a divorce.

"MOONLIGHT AND ROMANCE" A slip of the tongue by Mr. Gilruth led Mrs. Gilruth to the discovery that Donald had married Violet Wilson in London in 1918 and that they were still married.

"Moonlight and romance," Adele said in her suit, "had much to do with my swallowing Donald's tales."

They met on a South American cruise in the spring of 1937 with Mrs. Gilruth believing that she was due for a life of luxury on her husband's estate.

These turned out to be mythical too and she said she would gladly take 65 dollars a week as alimony.

Meanest Major Got His Promotion

(By Hal Boyle).

WITH THE U.S. ARMY IN THE PACIFIC, JAN. 14. THIS IS THE STORY OF THE MEANEST MAJOR WHO EVER WORE OAK LEAVES, BESIDES BEING PETTY AND ARBITRARY HE WAS SADDLED WITH A BRAIN THAT COULDN'T STAND MUCH EXERCISE. HE WAS DUMB, DUMB AND OPINIONATED.

ON THE SHIP COMING OVER FROM THE STATES HE GOT IN A BIG ARGUMENT WITH FELLOW OFFICERS, TRYING TO CONVINCE THEM THAT RAINWATER WAS SALTY JUST LIKE SEA WATER. "HOW ELSE DO YOU THINK THE SEA GETS SALTY?" HE SAID.

So they had to wait until a storm came up to convince him. They caught him in the rain, then, and the major had to admit after sampling it that rainwater isn't salty, only he still couldn't figure out how sea water got that way. I suppose it still worries him.

By grace of his rank he soon was supply officer in a replacement camp. One night, passing by a tent, he looked inside and saw an automatic pistol lying by a bunk. It had been issued to a private on military police duty and he had left the weapon unguarded while he left his tent on a brief errand.

Seeing the tent was empty, the major quickly stepped in, pulled the pistol from its holster, pocketed it and stopped back of it into the night. No one saw him, and a few minutes later the private returned to find his gun gone.

He searched for it and then up braided his tent-mates when they returned, thinking one of them had hidden it as a joke. But they denied having seen it, and he was reluctantly compelled to list his weapon as missing.

NOT THE MAJOR Other officers, knowing the boy was a conscientious soldier and realising the gun must still be somewhere in the camp area, were willing to write off the matter. But not the major.

"It's time we had a few object lessons on carefulness about equipment," he said. "This man has lost valuable government property. He will have to pay for it. That is the only way we can teach these men to be more careful."

He called the private before him and told him that he must foot the cost of the gun and that it would be deducted from the boy's pay. Soon after that the private was transferred to another island post.

But the incident ranked many enlisted men in the major's own outfit, and when a few months later he prepared to go on to another assignment one of his supply men noted he was packing an automatic pistol. The man checked the records and found none had been issued to the major.

SAME WEAPON He told his suspicious quietly to a sympathetic officer who found a way to check the numbers on the major's gun, and found it was the same weapon taken from the private's tent.

By then no one knew where the private was as there was no way to make amends. The commanding officer called the major on the carpet, however, and his sole punishment was a bawling-out and the knowledge that every man in camp was contemptuous of him for his shabby trick.

Well, he went his way and joined a new outfit and everybody at his old place was glad to forget him. Whether he ever mended his manners nobody is sure, but they do know he has lost the distinction of being "the meanest major" in the Army.

He got promoted to lieutenant colonel. Associated Press.

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W. J. KEATES,
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January 8, 1946.

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NOTICE

The attention of the public is drawn to a Gazette Extraordinary issued on Saturday, 12th of January, 1946 (No. 3 of Vol. 2) in regard to the control of the sale of rice.

Copies of this Gazette are provided in all rice depots in English and Chinese, as well as in the usual places where the weekly Gazette is posted.

A. BURGESS,
Colonial Officer (A).

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It is hereby a fixed that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for St. Paul's Medical Branch" will be received at the Office of the Chairman, Tender Board, Public Works Branch, Civil Affairs Department, until noon of Monday, the 21st January, 1946, for the supply of the following stores to the Medical Branch:

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J. P. FEHILLY, Col.
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14th January, 1946.

LANDLORD WINS CASE ON APPEAL

HOLDING THAT HAD APPELLANT PRESENTED HIS CASE PROPERLY BEFORE THE TENANCY TRIBUNAL HE WOULD HAVE SUCCEEDED, MR. LEO D'ALMADA IN COURT OF APPEAL YESTERDAY, SEVERED A DECISION BY THE TRIBUNAL REFUSING AN APPLICATION FOR EVICTION.

The successful appellant was Chow Chiu-ha, who claimed possession of a portion of the ground floor of No. 143, Main Street from Chung Yee-cheung, the respondent. Appellant was represented by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks.

The appeal was brought on the ground that the decision of the Tribunal was against the weight of the evidence and wrong in law.

Mr. Brooks said that the Tribunal unanimously agreed that the applicant had failed to satisfy the Tribunal whether compulsion or force had been used by opponent, and on this ground dismissed the application. Mr. Brooks submitted that no show of force or compulsion was necessary under the section on the application was based.

Mr. Brooks said that appellant was under a misapprehension at the Tribunal hearing, and he asked the leave of Court to all evidence. In granting leave, Mr. d'Almada remarked that he would not like that to be a precedent for every

case where applicant was originally unrepresented.

Chow, in evidence, stated that, in 1944, he was forced by the respondent to let the premises to opponent for Y60 a month.

Chung Fook, respondent, testified that he was offered the premises by appellant.

Giving his decision, Mr. d'Almada said: "On the new evidence and on the opinion I have been able to form from it and the demeanor of the witnesses, on the contradiction of parts of the evidence by the mother, I have no hesitation in finding that the tenancy in this case arose by duress and was not such as entitled opponent to protection."

"Appellant was entitled to an order of eviction in the circumstances, under section 5 (a) or 5 (b). There will be an order, accordingly, for possession of the premises in the terms of the application. The respondent is given one week in which to move out."

No order as to costs was made.

TENNIS TOUR

According to Norman Farquhar, former South African tennis champion, a strong team of American professionals consisting of Donald Budge, Bobby Riggs, Frankie Kovacs and Welby Van Horn is ready to visit South Africa to play in exhibition matches.

Only lack of transport is holding up the trip as at the moment all priorities between the United States and Britain are taken by Army personnel.

There is no hope of obtaining passages by this route for some time to come, as Jack Harris, the United States team's manager, is exploring the possibility of the team travelling via South America. —Reuter.

NELSON WINS AGAIN

San Francisco, Jan. 14. Byron Nelson, golf's greatest money winner, won the San Francisco open yesterday with a 72-hole score of 283, nine strokes ahead of the runner-up, Nelson shot a three under par 68 on the final round to gain the \$8,000 victory bond first prize. Herman Barron of White Plains, N.Y., was second with 282. Benny Hogan was third with 283. Nelson also won the Los Angeles open a week ago. —Associated Press.

Panama, Jan. 14. Sixth Air Force Headquarters said Terry Moore, former St. Louis Cardinals outfielder, has been released from the Army and will join the baseball team for spring training next month. —Associated Press.

Tokyo, Jan. 14. Twenty-eight champion swimmers will represent the United States occupation forces in the finals of the Army Pacific Olympics on Jan. 20-27 in Honolulu. Ten left on Saturday by a transport plane. —Associated Press.

MANILA REPATRIATE VESSEL ARRIVES

A REPATRIATION SHIP WITH NEARLY 1,300 CHINESE FROM MANILA ABOARD ARRIVED IN HONG KONG YESTERDAY, APPROXIMATELY 900 OF THE PASSENGERS—WITH BAGS, BUNDLES AND BOXES—DISEMBARKED AT KOWLOON TO REMAIN IN THE COLONY OR TO PROCEED TO CANTON AND SWATOW.

THE AMERICAN SHIP, WHICH WILL LEAVE TO-DAY AT NOON FOR SHANGHAI, IS THE S.S. CHARLES LUMMIS.

This was the ship concerned in sharp editorial criticism by Manila's Chinese "Commercial Bulletin," which alleged questionable conduct by the subordinates of the Chinese Consulate-General in Manila in the selection of "repatriates" for the trip.

The newspaper said it had reports that favoritism had been shown to well-to-do businessmen.

A Chinese Vice-Consul, Mr. Y. C. Hsueh, who arrived aboard the ship, branded the newspaper's implications as "utterly false."

He said that all Manila Chinese who qualified for repatriation to their homes or as displaced persons, and who wanted to come to Hong Kong or Shanghai, were allowed to make the trip. He said there was actually room for about 60 more, but no one applied for the places.

There were just two exceptions to the "qualifications" for repatriation on the ship, Mr.

WEEK END SOCCER

The following is the soccer programme for this week-end:

SATURDAY, JAN. 13
Civilians "A" v. Eastern (Sookunpoo, at 3.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Sgt. Pollitt.
Lincsmen:—O. O. E. Noble and Mr. F. A. Barretto.

SUNDAY, JAN. 20
Civilians "A" v. Navy "B" (Sookunpoo, at 3.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Lt. L. G. Young.
Lincsmen:—A. C. F. Roberts and C. P. O. Bartlett.

SUNDAY, JAN. 20
Navy "A" v. South China (Navy ground, at 3.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. A. McCorkindale.
Lincsmen:—L/S. T. Mullins and Mr. Sze Po Wai.

44 R.M. Cdo. v. R. Engineers (Chatham Road, at 3.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. K. K. Ip.
Lincsmen:—L.A.C. J. Anderson and A. Adohead.

Anglo-Russian Football Plans
London, Jan. 14. An England versus Russia soccer match is not likely this season. It is also unlikely that an England team will visit Russia in May, when it is hoped to resume the post-war overseas tour.

The visit of the Moscow Dynamo players earlier this season has done much to bring the two countries together in a football sense, but there are several points to be cleared up before we can get down to international matches.

More than one English League club, however, is expected to make a trip to Russia at the end of the current season. Charlton are keen to go and take on Moscow Dynamo—they had hoped to play them at the Valley—and an invitation is expected to be extended to Chelsea. —Reuter.

Soccer Players' Heavy Loss

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Mussolini's Sacrifice Of Austria Revealed

NEW KENNEDY FORCE INSPECTED

THE NEW KENNEDY FORCE, COMBINING UNITS OF H.M.S. DUKES OF YORK AND H.M.S. EURALUS, WAS INSPECTED BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET, ADMIRAL LORD FRASER, AT THE HAPPY VALLEY RACE COURSE YESTERDAY MORNING.

Admiral Lord Fraser, who was accompanied by Commodore D. H. Everett, R.N., M.B.E., Capt. A. P. Nicholl, C.B.E., D.S.O. (H.M.S. Duke of York) and Capt. R. S. Warr, C.B.E. (H.M.S. Euralus) took the salute at the march past.

Kennedy Force, who are aiding the Hong Kong Police in patrol and crime suppression duties on the island, paraded under Commander P. A. Roche, D.S.O., R.N.

The parade numbered some 350 strong, comprising units of the Royal Navy, under Lt. Cmdr. T. C. Seddon, R.N., Royal Marine contingents, under Major P. A. Spittal, R.M., a Royal Marine General Company, under Capt. R. Neale, R.M., and a Royal Marine contingent, all the L. S. I. Glen, under Lt. P. G. Bell, R.M.

The Royal Marine Band of H.M.S. "Duke of York" was in attendance.

Following the parade, Admiral Lord Fraser inspected the Kennedy Force members, Sgt. George Gordon, Cpl. George Pung, and Leading Seaman "Jimmy" and Marine "Flapperdick."

The Commander-in-Chief and party then made a tour of Kennedy Force patrol posts and barracks at the Happy Valley Police Station and Race Hall, and the Headquarters of the Force at the Central Police Station.

Three were in the uniform of the Royal Marines, and the fourth was dressed as a Leading Seaman. When asked by the Commander-in-Chief how long he had been in the service, Leading Seaman "Jimmy" replied "Six months, Sir." He then demonstrated how he could sleep and dream with a rifle slung over his own height.

Meal That Was Not Paid For

A well-dressed Chinese, Tsang Kwok-wah, was charged before Mr. A. J. Arculli at the Summary Military Court yesterday, with obtaining a credit by fraud at the Kin Kwok Restaurant on Friday last.

It was alleged that accused obtained a Chinese meal from the Kin Kwok Restaurant on Friday evening, with four other persons said to be his guests. At the conclusion of the dinner, he was handed a bill for \$127.30, and accused said the waiter that his wife would get home for the money. Accused waited in the restaurant until 11 p.m., the following morning, and the wife did not show up. Defendant was taken to Central Police Station. Only 60 cents was found in his possession.

He gave an address to the Police, at which his wife was supposed to be staying, but the Police found that no such person could be located on the premises. After hearing the facts, Mr. Arculli adjourned the case until to-day for consideration.

Pingshan Raid Sequel

Information received by the Ping Shan Police led to the arrest of four Chinese in Un Long, who were believed to have been planning an armed robbery. The raid party under Sub-Inspector Rothwell was assisted by about ten K.A.F. personnel. No. 8 Tai Fung Street, Un Long, was searched and a 38 revolver together with 29 rounds of ammunition were found in a stove.

Summoned before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday, Lee Wan pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawful possession of the revolver. The other three were acquitted. S. I. Rothwell told the Court that the raid took place on Jan. 12, at 8.50 p.m. Other arms which were believed to be on the premises could not be found. The accused did not give any explanation as to the origin of the revolver. Two years imprisonment with hard labour was imposed.

MORE BANK STAFF

Four additional members of the staff of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank have arrived by air during the last two or three days. Messrs. K. D. Robertson, P. F. Hutton, T. G. Moad and C. Bell.

Mr. A. H. Hutchinson arrived to join Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company's staff.

Prince Philip Of Hesse's Part

(By Daniel de Laue)

BERLIN, JAN. 14.—WHEN ADOLF HITLER LEARNED THAT MUSSOLINI WAS NOT GOING TO INTERFERE IN THE RAPE OF AUSTRIA THE FUGHER DID ORATORICAL FLIPFLOPS AS EASY AS THE JIG HE PERFORMED WHEN FRANCE SURRENDERED. ADMITTING HE HAD BEEN IN A "FRIGHTFUL" MILITARY POSITION HAD OTHER POWERS PROTECTED AUSTRIA, HITLER DECLARED OVER AND OVER THAT HE WOULD "NEVER FORGET" THE "MAGNANIMITY OF IT ALL."

The King of Italy sent a weak hint to the German Government that he would like Austria to be allowed to escape, but Reichsmarschall Goering was blusteringly firm as always when lost was involved and declared "the Jews can go but they must leave the money."

Openly defying the world, secretly cringing, the Nazis wrote their own condemnation for the historical record in the "Austrian" affair. Goering's Air Ministry functionaries took down every word as the international telephone lines buzzed during the crisis.

Then at Goering's own request they found the whole record in a neat folder labelled "Secret Archives" and sent it to the Reichsmarschall as his personal copy.

The case of Austria seemed like ancient history several years later when the Red Army swept through Berlin, and the swastika glorious record was tossed out unceremoniously in a heap of rubbish in the courtyard of the Air Ministry.

It was retrieved by two old Germans who were paid two cigarettes to find it and a lot of other dusty papers into my jeep.

INSIDE STORY Translated and condensed it gives the first inside account from the German side of the seizure of Austria on March 12, 1938.

This record discloses that Prince Philip of Hesse was the go-between in the conversation between Berlin and Rome. Prince Philip, who married Princess Mafalda of Italy, in 1925, came into the hands of the Allies last spring when he was found in a camp of political hostages held by the Nazis. Princess Mafalda, eldest daughter of the King of Italy and also a hostage, died of wounds from an Allied bombing in the brothel of Buchenwald concentration camp. The Nazis placed her there for the inmates to care for her wounds.

Prince Philip of Hesse was in a key spot for the Fuehrer's plans. Mussolini had balked at the first plot against Austria at the time of the murder of Chancellor Dollfuss in 1934 when he beligerently marched troops to the Austrian border and threatened to intervene against the Nazis.

But now Mussolini had fallen out with France and England over Ethiopia and Spain and spurred their efforts to align a solid front against Germany.

Hesse called Hitler from Rome at 10.25 p.m. on Friday, March 11 just 31 minutes after the Fuehrer had been informed that the Nazi puppet in Vienna, Arthur Seyss-Inquart, had agreed to a Goering-dictated telegram requesting German troops to march in and prevent "bloodshed."

SECRET PLANS The Austrian Government of Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg had resigned as the result of a two-hour ultimatum from Goering. Seyss-Inquart had been instructed to step into the vacuum and seize power.

Already orders had been issued to 240,000 German troops on the Austrian border to begin marching at dawn, and Hitler himself was to be on the way in a few hours on a triumphant return to his native country.

Already Hitler was meditating on secret plans against Czechoslovakia.

The Prince opened the conversation—"I have just come back from the Palazzo Venezia. The Duke accepted the whole thing very friendly. He sends you his regards. The thing had been told him from Austria—Schuschnigg gave him the news Monday. He (Mussolini) said it would be a complete impossibility, a bluff, one couldn't do it. He was answered—that it was unfortunately already ar-

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range thus and one could not change it. Then Mussolini and Austria would now be a finished concern for him."

H Hitler "Then please tell Mussolini I will never forget him for this."

Hesse "Jawohl" (Yes, in deed).

H Hitler "Never, never, never. Whatever happens I am now ready to make a different agreement with him. In case the Austrian thing is settled I am ready to go with him through thick and thin."

Hesse "Jawohl, my Fuehrer."

NEVER, NEVER.

H Hitler "Listen, I shall make every arrangement now. I feel I am no longer in a frightful position as would have been militarily the case for us had I got into conflict. You may tell him that I am really heartily thankful, I will never, never forget him for this. I will never forget him for this."

Hesse "Jawohl, my Fuehrer."

H Hitler "Beautiful!"

Hesse "I should like to say that the French envoy here asked to speak with Count Ciano (Italian Foreign Minister) by order of his Government about Austria. And Count Ciano refused to receive him and thereupon the envoy made known that they could not forward the outcome of further negotiations with Italy which had been discussed."

H Hitler "Yes, I thank you."

Hesse "My Fuehrer, I should like to ask whether I ought to stay here or come back at once to-morrow."

H Hitler "Remain there."

Hesse "Jawohl, to-morrow another report."

H Hitler "Jawohl, thank you."

Associated Press.

New Zealand's Fine Gesture At Uno Meeting

(Continued from Page 1)

darly, is a contribution to peace."

On behalf of the British delegation, Mr. Noel Baker paid a tribute to the colossal sacrifices that the Yugo-Slavs had made in the war and welcomed Yugo-Slavia as a member of the Economic and Social Council.

"It was only three minutes after Hitler had declared war on New Zealand took up the challenge," Mr. Baker added, congratulating Mr. Fraser on his "statesmanlike action."

New Zealand's withdrawal was then confirmed by a formal vote, electing Yugo-Slavia by 46 votes against three cast for New Zealand.

The membership of the Social and Economic Council, regarded by many as next in importance to the Security Council as a future instrument of peace, now is: Canada, Chile, China, Cuba, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, Greece, India, France, Norway, Peru, Russia, Britain, the United States, Lebanon, Yugo-Slavia and the Ukraine.

SOCIAL UNRRA

A crowded gallery and American and British soldiers, looking down from the distinguished "workers" gallery, to which they had been officially invited, complete the setting up of the body which will in future stand guard over "human rights."

The Economic and Social Council will work hand in hand with the "social UNRRA" with the Security Council and trusteeship organ, and with the General Assembly. Its brief ranges from "standard of living" and employment

Montclare Was Hub Of B.P.F.

HUB OF THE IMMENSE ORGANISATION WHICH KEPT BRITAIN'S PACIFIC FLEET IN ACTION WHILE THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM A MAIN BASE, H.M.S. MONTCLARE, EX-CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAYS LINER WHICH BECAME THE FLAGSHIP OF THE FLEET TRAIN, IS NOW ON ITS WAY HOME FROM HONG KONG.

The liner went to the Pacific area early in 1944, operating from Manus under the flag of the Royal Navy but was destined to play a vital part in the final build up against Japan.

Mainly responsible for the feat of organising was Rear-Admiral Fisher, directing operations from H.M.S. Montclare, which was, in itself, a floating workshop capable of dealing with any type of damage or breakdown.

Shortly after the re-occupation of Hong Kong, many vessels of the Fleet Train were used to take stores and equipment to the Colony, expediting the work of rehabilitation. For two months, H.M.S. Montclare acted as base wireless ship, coping with a continual flow of signals until eventually relieved by the shore W.T. station.

In November last, Rear-Admiral Fisher returned to England and command of the Fleet Train was given to Acting Commodore E. M. C. Barracough, captain of the Montclare.

Acting Commodore Barracough is now returning on the liner and will be responsible for the dissolution of the Fleet Train—the most spectacular supply organisation ever used by the Royal Navy.

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MOTOR PERMITS A Proclamation gazetted requires all persons in possession of motor vehicles, not carrying official registration numbers, to declare their possession for registration before January 31.

The Proclamation also prohibits the sale or use of such vehicles without a permit.

to transport and statistics. Among its early tasks will be the establishment of a commission to formulate an international bill of rights.—Reuter.

Bretton Woods

New York, Jan. 14. Dissolution of the business and industry committee for Bretton Woods, Inc., was announced yesterday by the treasurer who said ratification of the proposals by 35 nations had assured the bank an "effective monetary fund."—Associated Press.

American Keen On Australia

SAN FRANCISCO, JAN. 14. "A LARGE NUMBER" OF WEST COAST AMERICANS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MIGRATING TO AUSTRALIA, IF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD OFFER A MODERATE ASSISTANCE TO THE ASSISTANCE IT WOULD GIVE THEM, NORMAN MARTIN, AGENT-GENERAL TO LONDON FOR VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA, SAID HERE.

Martin said he was convinced from a brief examination of the Pacific Coast situation that only quick completion of Australia's migration policy is necessary "in order to reap the harvest of people now living in California who are interested in moving to the commonwealth."

Hundreds of highly skilled tradesmen, he added, had left their homes in the Eastern United States to come to West-Coast war plants, and he thought it unlikely that permanent work could be found here for all of them.

Thousands, he said, seemed reluctant to return East, and "there was evidence that many would like to go to Australia instead."

United States industrial firms also are eager to establish themselves in Australia, Martin said. He was informed by Australian Government representatives in San Francisco.—Associated Press.

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CLAIMS SHARE IN ATOMIC TRIUMPH

(By Stanley Burch)

NEW YORK, JAN. 14. A CEASELESS QUEST IN ONE OF AMERICA'S INDUSTRIAL LABORATORIES FOR A BETTER ELECTRIC LAMP FILAMENT ADVANCED THE COUNTRY'S ATOMIC BOMB RESEARCH BY AT LEAST A YEAR, ACCORDING TO DR. HARVEY RENTSCHLER, DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH FOR THE WESTINGHOUSE LAMP DIVISION.

THE LAMP DIVISION LABORATORY AT BLOOMFIELD, NEW JERSEY, WAS THE EXCLUSIVE SOURCE OF PURE URANIUM FOR THE EARLY EXPERIMENTS, MORE THAN THREE YEARS AGO, WHICH RESULTED IN THE BOMB.

Dr. Rentschler said that he had been told that the initial success of the work at Chicago, where the first experimental atomic power generator was built, was determined by the production of the metal in his laboratory.

Permitted for the first time to tell the story of research which uncovered perhaps the most valuable "by-product" in history, he said:

"Shortly after World War I, it was suggested to us that uranium might prove to be a better lamp filament than tungsten. At that time, almost nothing was known about the physical properties of uranium and its melting point was not established within several hundred degrees. Moreover, it was not available on the market in pure form, presumably because the reduction of uranium from oxide ores is extremely difficult."

GRIMMEST GOAL So Dr. Rentschler and Dr. John Marden, assistant Research Director, in May, 1922 refined their initial samples of the precious new element from uranium salts, never dreaming that their experiment would ultimately give American physicists a head start in the race towards history's grimmest goal.

"We had worked for four years before we found a way to make the pellets in pure form so that they could be fashioned into lamps or rolled into foil or wire," Dr. Rentschler said. "After tests of our first batches, we discarded uranium as a possibility for a lamp filament because its melting point was only 2,102 degrees Fahrenheit, as compared with 6,382 degrees melting point of tungsten."

But Westinghouse continued to refine the metal, a few ounces at a time, to meet the demands of colleges and research laboratories, which were conducting experiments in nuclear physics, including small-scale atom-smashing.

500 LBS. A DAY Early in 1942, Dr. Rentschler said he received a telephone call from a former Westinghouse research colleague, Dr. Arthur Compton, director of atomic bomb experimentation at the University of Chicago. Dr. Compton inquired how soon Westinghouse could supply three tons of pure uranium.

"I almost fell off my chair because our previous output had been at the rate of a few thumb-size buttons of uranium at a time," Dr. Rentschler commented.

"But Dr. Marden went to work, set up an uranium 'factory' in a corner of our laboratory and in a few months had increased our output from eight ounces a day at the start of the project to more than 500 pounds a day, cutting the cost from \$250 a lb. to \$5."

Westinghouse supplied more than three tons of pure uranium for the initial generator built by the Chicago Metallurgical Project Office, the official name by which Dr. Compton's project was known.

It also supplied uranium for the pioneering work on the atom bomb conducted at Princeton University, "METAL X."

The race against the clock tested the ingenuity of the "lamp division" scientists and engineers. Makeshift devices had to be employed because there was not time for machinery to be designed or built.

The project was closed here in February, 1943, after other methods for producing the metal on a large scale were developed. But as long as it was operating, the area in which "Metal X" was the workers know it was manufactured was the centre of the most secret activity in the plant.—Reuter.

Jap. Ships As Transports

Melbourne, Jan. 14. Japan's first aircraft-carrier are among the seven Japanese ships which will soon be carrying Japanese troops from Wewak to their homeland. Australian naval sources disclosed to-day.

The carrier is the demilitarised "Hogho" which is due at Wewak on Jan. 17 and has a carrying capacity of 2,300 tons.

The "Katsuragi", one of Japan's latest carriers which is also demilitarised, is due on Jan. 23 when it will pick up 5,000 Japanese.

Other Ninonness ships in service include three demilitarised cruisers, a troopship and a hospital ship with a capacity of 17,100 tons.—Associated Press.

STOP PRESS

Washington, Jan. 14. The postponement of the national telephone strike for 30 days, plus the C.I.O.'s acceptance of a government-sponsored wage compromise for General Motors workers, brightened the labour picture to-day considerably.

Those late developments, coupled with the earlier one about a delay in the steel strike originally scheduled for to-day, raised hopes in some government circles that tension over the post-war industrial strife will continue to slacken.

A telephone strike affecting some 250,000 workers throughout the nation was ordered last night. Within minutes after the strike call was announced, however, the Board ordered it to be delayed to permit member local unions to file 30-day strike notices.

The Board also asked Western Electric Company strikers to withdraw pickets from telephone exchanges which would permit operators to return to their work-boards.—Associated Press.

Nuremberg, Jan. 14. Mr. Thomas J. Dodd, United States prosecutor, told the war crimes court to-day that Walter Koch, notorious commandant of the Buchenwald horror camp, was executed by the Nazis in 1944.

They accused him of general corruption and murdering someone with whom he had a personal feud.

Koch's wife, whom he had presented with lampshades made from prisoners' skins, was executed for aiding and abetting her husband.

The fate of Walter Koch was discussed earlier in the trial when a shrunken human head was exhibited and it was stated that Koch was responsible for it.—Reuter.

Nuremberg, Jan. 14. American officials were to-day devising means of combating a new movement in Nuremberg, apparently aimed at keeping Nazism alive.

The movement is known as "Acht und acht" (eighty-eight). This number has been found scrawled on the battered walls of Nuremberg and Germans have been heard greeting one another on the streets with it.

"Eighty-eight" represents "H.H."—the eighth letter of the alphabet—standing for "Hell Hitler"—Reuter.

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12.45 p.m.—Light French Music.

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4.30 p.m.—London and National Orchestra.

4.45 p.m.—"Service Music Hall"—E.R.T.

5.00 p.m.—Light Musical Music.

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5.30 p.m.—Olive Down.

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